

# House Watch

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## FINAL PASSAGE

### [SB 111](#)

(Jelinek)

The bill would amend Public Act 243 of 1959, which regulates trailer coach (mobile home) parks, to provide for a penalty, interest, and a civil fine for failure to remit the monthly tax. Under the bill, a licensee (park owner) who did not remit the tax by the required date would have to pay a late payment penalty of three percent of the unpaid balance. Interest would accrue on the unpaid balance at a rate of one percent per month. The licensee also would be liable for a civil fine of up to \$10 per occupied trailer coach for each month the licensee did not remit the tax. (The bill does not specify how this civil fine is to be distributed.)

- SB 111 was passed [RC 8: 103 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

### [SB 577](#)

(Gilbert)

The bill would regulate the use of an owner built home, require certain disclosures upon the sale or transfer of the home, and provide penalties and remedies for violations of the disclosure requirements.

- Farrah substitute H-1 was adopted
- SB 577 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- SB 577 was passed [RC 11: 99 yes, 5 no]
- IE was ordered

## **HB 4257**

**(Angerer)**

Under the General Property Tax Act (MCL 211.59), payment of winter property taxes can be deferred until May 1 without penalty or interest for a senior citizen, paraplegic, hemiplegic, quadriplegic, eligible member of the military, eligible veteran, eligible widow, or total and permanently disabled person who has claimed a homestead property tax credit under the state Income Tax Act. To receive the deferral, the taxpayer must apply for the income tax credit before February 15 and present a copy of the filed form to the county treasurer. Also to be eligible, the taxpayer could not receive the credit before March 1. This provision allows these homeowners to wait to pay property taxes until they have received their homestead credit from the state. House Bill 4257 would retain this provision but also allow the deferral for an eligible homeowner who had made a claim for the income tax credit in the immediately preceding tax year and still resides at the same principal residence as claimed in that preceding tax year.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 4257 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- HB 4257 was passed [RC 9: 103 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered [No RC]

## **HB 5638**

**(Coulouris)**

The bill would amend the Strategic Fund Act to keep the two additional members on the Strategic Fund board that were added by the 21st Century Jobs Fund legislation (PA 225 of 2005, House Bill 5047, among others). These two members were to be added in 2005 to serve through 2007, at which time the board was to drop back to nine members from 11 members. The two members are to have experience in private equity or venture capital investments, commercial lending, or commercialization of technology. House Bill 5638 would keep the two additional members on through 2015. At that time the board would return to nine members. These members would from now on serve four-year terms.

- HB 5638 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- HB 5638 was passed [RC 10: 94 yes, 10 no]
- IE was ordered

# **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

## **HR 257**

**(Tobocman)**

A resolution to amend the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives.

- HR 257 was adopted